

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the withdrawal of the previously stated bases for the rejection of claims in view of the contents of Applicants' Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 that was filed on October 24, 2007.

The newly stated rejection wherein Claims 3 to 20 and 22 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims of commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 7,279,249 either singly or in view of JP 1-265454 to Kita Fusaji et al. has been noted. In an effort to expedite prosecution and for administrative convenience filed concurrently herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a "Prior" Patent together with the appropriate fee. The withdrawal of this sole remaining rejection is urged to be in order and is respectfully requested.

For the sake of completeness Applicants also file herewith a Seventh Information Disclosure Statement which identifies U.S. Patents that were cited during the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 7,279,249.

The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is urged to be in order and is respectfully requested.

If there is any remaining point that requires clarification prior to the allowance of the Application the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter can be discussed and promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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